



KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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IMPORTANT – AIDS/HIV LAWS

Effective July 15, 2001 a new AIDS/HIV law went into effect covering many licensed health care professionals, including dentists and hygienists. This law simply states that practitioners may take the AIDS/HIV course once every 10 years, and it would be up to each Board on how to implement this law.

For the hygiene renewal for 2002, hygienists shall send in proof of having taking a Cabinet for Health Services (CHS) approved AIDS/HIV course in 1999, 2000, or 2001 when they renew their Kentucky Dental Hygiene licenses in 2002. If this is not sent in with the renewal, this will cause a delay in the renewal of your license, which could subject you to a \$25.00 reinstatement fee if the completed renewal, with proof of the AIDS/HIV course approved by the CHS, is not received or postmarked by December 31, 2002. Anyone taking a course during this time will not be required to take it again for 10 years. You will be notified on future renewal applications of the year that you will need to take a course.

Due to several extenuating circumstances, dentists who renewed their licenses for 2002-2003 and took an AIDS/HIV course that was not approved by the CHS were given an extension of sixty days by the Board to complete a CHS approved course. **PLEASE NOTE: Dental Hygienists will not be given such an extension. If you have not taken a CHS approved course you shall do so before renewing your license by December 31, 2002. You may call Janet English at the Cabinet for Health Services at (502) 564-6539 for information on approved courses. Do not call the Board office for this information because the Board does not maintain a list of approved courses. That list is maintained by the CHS.**

DOSIMETRY MONITORING GUIDELINE

The Board is still receiving many calls in regards to Dosimetry Monitoring Guidelines. Please read the following and direct any questions you may have to Dewey Crawford at (502) 564-3700. DO NOT CALL THE BOARD OFFICE BECAUSE THE BOARD DOES NOT REGULATE DOSIMETRY MONITORING.

Kentucky Administrative Regulation 902 KAR 00:019 Section 13 conditions requiring individual monitoring of external and internal occupational dose for health care practitioners who operate x-ray equipment. A licensee or registrant who operates x-ray equipment shall monitor exposure to radiation and radioactive materials at levels sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the

occupational dose limits of this administrative regulation. As a minimum, the licensee or registrant shall monitor occupational exposure to radiation, and shall supply and require the use of individual monitoring devices by:

- (a) Adults likely to receive in one (1) year from sources of external to the body, a dose in excess of ten (10) percent of the limit in section 3 (1) of this administrative regulation:
- (b) Minors and declared pregnant women likely to receive in one (1) year from sources external to the body, a dose in excess of ten (10) percent of the applicable limits in Section 8 or 9 of this administrative regulation.

In accordance with the above stated regulation:

- (1) A personnel Dosimetry monitoring program must be conducted for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. All records must be kept appropriately.
- (2) At the end of the 12 month monitoring period, if the registrant determines that all individual monitoring devices are less than 10% of the annual radiation limit and desires to discontinue Dosimetry monitoring; a copy of all Dosimetry records along with a letter of request must be submitted to the Health Services Cabinet for evaluation. This information can be sent to: ATTN: Dewey Crawford, Cabinet for Health Services, Dept for Public Health, Radiation Health, 275 East Main St, Frankfort KY 40621-0001.**
- (3) After an evaluation of the reports, review of the facility and office radiation safety practices, a decision will be made in accordance with compliance of the above stated regulation.

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- (4) A letter informing the licensee or registrant of the decision will be made to the facility.

SECURITY PRESCRIPTION PADS

In many issues of the Board Newsletter there have been articles about the laws requiring security prescription blanks for writing prescriptions for controlled substances as required by the pharmacy laws. The Board office still receives many calls in regards to this law. If you have questions regarding the law you may contact the **Department for Public Health, Drug Control Branch at (502) 564-7985. This department is located in Frankfort, Kentucky.**

Commonly asked for phone numbers

- American Dental Association
800-621-8099
- Drug Enforcement Agency
502-852-5908
- KY Dental Association
502-459-5373
- Occupational Safety & Health
502-573-6892
- KY Cabinet for Health Services
502-564-2757
- Radiation Control
502/564-3700
- Drug Control Branch
502/564-7985
- Pharmacy Board
502/573-1582

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTINGS

The Board receives many calls in regards to obtaining a list of available continuing education courses. The Board office does not keep a list to send out to licensees for available continuing education courses.

If you are in need of CE courses you may call a college, university, or one of the local societies to obtain information on CE Courses being offered for dentists and hygienists, or call the Kentucky Dental Association.

REMEMBER TO REPORT
ANY CHANGE OF
ADDRESS TO THE BOARD
OFFICE !!!!!!!

VERIFICATION OF KENTUCKY LICENSURE
TO OTHER STATES

The Board of Dentistry verifies Kentucky licensure to other states when this is requested by the licensee. The proper procedure for obtaining a verification of Kentucky license to another state is as follows:

1. Must send a request in writing to the Board office.
2. Request must state the licensee's name and license number.
3. Request must state where the verification is to be mailed.
4. \$10.00 verification processing fee must be accompanied with the written request, made payable to the KY Board of Dentistry.

Verification requests are processed and mailed each Monday.

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